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Reply Brief Noted

The reply brief filed 15 August 2011 has been entered and considered. The
application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for
decision on the appeal.

Conclusion

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 examiner should be directed to Dung Van Nguyen whose telephone number is
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